



How to Wash and Dry Patagonia Sweater

How to wash a cashmere, merino, or wool sweater.

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INTRODUCTION

Sweaters must be hand-washed to prevent warping. Fortunately, hand-washing is easy. Follow these easy steps to a clean sweater. If you have a stain, check out our [spot-washing guide](#).

We recommend a detergent with as few chemicals as possible, such as Seventh Generation, which is linked in the tools section of this guide.




TOOLS:

- [Seventh Generation Natural Liquid Laundry Soap](#) (1)
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Step 1 — How to Wash and Dry Patagonia Sweater



- Fill the sink with cool water.

 Never wash a sweater in hot water as it can cause the sweater to shrink.

- Add some gentle liquid detergent to the water.

 Each brand of detergent is different, so you'll need to read the label on your bottle to know how much to add. For most soaps, a tablespoon is plenty.

Step 2



- Mix the soap into the water with your hand.

Step 3



- Submerge the sweater in the soapy water.
- Gently press down to make sure that the entire sweater is in the water.
- Allow the sweater to soak for 15-20 minutes.

Step 4




- Drain the sink and rinse the sweater, squeezing it gently in your hands to release all the extra soap and water.

⚠ Never twist or wring out a sweater as this can distort the fibers.


Step 5



- Place a towel on a waterproof surface.
- Lay the sweater out on the towel.
- Gently lay the sweater flat, lightly stretching it to its proper size.

 Do not over stretch the sweater.

- Lay the sleeves out flat, gently stretching them to their proper size.
- Allow the sweater to lay undisturbed until it is dry.

 Never hang-dry a sweater, as it can stretch or warp the fibers.

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